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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the abovecaptioned case on October 2, 2003, applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 44-51, and SEQ ID NO: 252, as the species for initial examination. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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